Celebrate World Water Monitoring Day

WHEN? Rescheduled to Rain Date of Friday, October 24, 2003 10:30 a.m to 2 p.m.

WHERE?

Along the Banks of the Delaware at Washington Crossing State Park off of Route 29 in Titusville, N.J.



From September 18 to October 18, 2003, people around the globe will join together to monitor the quality of their local watersheds and enter the results of their efforts into an international database. A major goal of this effort, which culminates on "World Water Monitoring Day," is to create an awareness of how important it is to protect our waterways, a resource on which our lives depend.

As part of this month-long project, local teachers and students are invited on October 24th to learn from and interact with staff from the Delaware River Basin Commission (DRBC), the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP), and the United States Geological Survey (USGS), as these agencies demonstrate water quality monitoring activities using chemical, biological, and flow techniques along the Delaware River at historic Washington Crossing State Park.

Students will have the opportunity to conduct their own simple water quality tests so they can later enter the collected data on the World Water Monitoring Day web site at www.worldwatermonitoringday.org. Informational display tables will be on site and leaders from the three local agencies will be on hand to outline their monitoring programs and to answer questions. You may arrive and leave at your choosing and are welcome to bring along your own picnic lunch ("carry in, carry out").

Teachers should pre-register by calling Tanya Oznowich, NJDEP, at (609) 984-9802.





